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1. SUMMARY: DENKTASH DEFENDS DECLARATION OF FEDERATED TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE. CITES MAKARIOS INTRANSIGENCE AND UNACCEPTABILITY OF LATEST GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS. DENIES AIM OF SEPARATION OR NEED FOR FORMAL RECOGNITION AT THIS TIME. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION OF FEDERATED TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH GAVE PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED. DENKTASH CLAIMED PROCLAMATION NECESSITATED BY REALIZATION THAT MAKARIOS DOES NOT INTEND SETTLE CYPRUS QUESTION. SAID APPARENT NOT ONLY FROM OFFERS MADE, BUT FROM RECENT MAKARIOS STATEMENTS, AND FROM GREEK CYPRIOT "RECOURSES
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TO INTERNATIONAL FORUMS."

3. DENKTASH TERMED CLERIDES' LATEST PROPOSAL UNACCEPTABLE; SAID IT WOULD PIN TURK COMMUNITY TO MINORITY STATUS AND SUBJECT IT TO RENEWED EOKA THREAT IN FUTURE.

4. DENKTASH DENIED PROCLAMATION WAS ACT OF SEPARATION. HE WAS MERELY REORGANIZING HIS ADMINISTRATION IN SAME WAY MAKARIOS HAD DONE EARLIER.

5. DENKTASH CLAIMED TO SEE "GOOD PROSPECTS" FOR FUTURE FEDERATED STATE. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT, ON REFLECTION, GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD REALIZE THAT TURKS NOT DIVIDING CYPRUS, NOR DESTROYING ITS INDEPENDENCE, BUT ENSURING NON-ALIGNED INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC.

6. DENKTASH DENIED NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION. SAID TURK CYPRIOTS FORMED "FEDERATED WING OF THE THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS" AND, THEREFORE, "ANYONE WHO RECOGNIZES CYPRUS AS SUCH SHALL, I HOPE, RECOGNIZE ME." HOWEVER, DENKTASH SAID HE WOULD SEEK RECOGNITION IF NEED AROSE AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE HE WOULD RECEIVE THIS FROM "GREAT NUMBER OF NATIONS." REPLYING TO EARLIER QUESTION ON SAME ISSUE, DENKTASH SAID HE WAS SURE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD SEE THAT WAY OUT OF PRESENT DIFFICULTY IS "TO DEAL WITH US, TO HELP US, AND TO HELP CYPRUS AS A WHOLE."

7. DENKTASH DIFFERENTIATED YESTERDAY'S PROCLAMATION FROM EARLIER CONCEPT OF INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE, WHICH HE ADMITTED ANKARA HAD REJECTED.

8. FINALLY, ASKED BY REPORTERS WHETHER HE COULDN'T SUGGEST A SHORTER TITLE THAN "THE FEDERATED WING OF THE FEDERAL STATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS", DENKTASH REPLIED "I AM SURE THE AMERICANS OR BRITISH WILL FIND SOME SHORT LETTERS WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED BY US. FOR THE TIME BEING, WE ENJOY LONG NAMES BECAUSE IT MAKES PEOPLE THINK."

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